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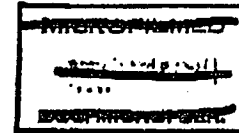
Re: Yugoslav Information Center, also
 known as: YIC
 Registration Act.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Thomas E. Byrnes, dated and captioned as above.

All informants mentioned in this report, with the exception of T-7, have furnished reliable information in the past.

T-7 is a reputable person in social contact with Yugoslav officials in the New York City area.

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TITLE OF CASE YUGOSLAV INFORMATION CENTER, aka, YIC		Report made by THOMAS E. BYRNES	Typed By: imb
		CHARACTER OF CASE REGISTRATION ACT	

Synopsis:

GENERAL ACTIVITY: YIC, 516 Fifth Avenue, NYC, staffed by ZLATKO SINOBAD, Director; BRANKO NOVAKOVIC, Deputy Director; LJUBISA JEREMIC, Secretary; KARLA DUHAR, Film Department; PEARL KEMPLER, Typist-Steno, MIRA JEREMIC, Typist. **INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITY:** NOVAKOVIC identified as member of UDBA, 7/10/54, by T-3. **POLITICAL AND/OR PROPAGANDA ACTIVITY:** YIC discontinued publication of "Yugoslav Review," distributes instead "Information Bulletin About Yugoslavia," published in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

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DETAILS:

GENERAL ACTIVITY

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The Yugoslav Information Center (YIC), 616 Fifth Avenue, New York City, is registered with the Foreign Agents Registration Section (FARS), United States Department of Justice, as an agent of the Yugoslav Government, Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

The YIC publishes a periodical in New York City, entitled, "Yugoslav Facts and Views." It published a periodical in New York City, entitled, "Yugoslav Review". This publication was suspended with the "Special-Final Edition" Volume 7, Number 10 (undated), distributed in March, 1956.

MILOS ZLATAR, former chauffeur at the Yugoslav United Nations (UN) Delegation, 254 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, defected from the Yugoslav Government on May 13, 1957, to seek asylum in the United States as a political exile. On August 6, 1957, he advised SA DAVID F. MULLANE that the Yugoslav Government pays \$1500 per month for the suite of offices occupied by the Yugoslav Consulate and the YIC at 616 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Employees

On February 27, 1958, SA LIONEL E. BELANGER reviewed records of FARS, pertaining to registrant.

On January 31, 1958, registrant filed a Supplemental Registration Statement for the six months' period ending December 31, 1957.

When filing this statement, the following individuals were listed as officials or employees of the YIC:

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
ZLATKO SINOBAD 105 East 63rd Street New York City	Director
BRANKO NOVAKOVIC 41-50 78th Street Jackson Heights, Queens, New York City	Deputy Director
LJUBISA JEREMIC 3751 86th Street Jackson Heights, Queens, New York City	Secretary
KARLA DUHAR 57 West 58th Street New York City	Film Department
PEARL KEMPLER 3144 Decatur Avenue Bronx 67, New York	Typist-Steno
MIRA JEREMIC 3751 86th Street Jackson Heights, Queens, New York City	Typist

Information Concerning Employees

T-1, on March 7, 1956, furnished the following information:

He advised that the YIC is located on the second floor of 616 Fifth Avenue, New York City. KARLA DUHAR

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occupies a corner office at the end of a long hallway. Adjacent to DUHAR's office is a closet in which a quantity of liquor, bearing Yugoslav labels, is contained. The bottles, in the opinion of source, represent liquor which is passed out, by the bottle, to contacts of the YIC and Consulate.

Source noted that in conversation, KARLA DUHAR refers to herself as 'boss', and in the presence of the Consul General, she seems to speak to him as an equal.

DUHAR, and possibly other employees at 616 Fifth Avenue, frequent the Le Provencal Restaurant, 21 East 62nd Street. Source is of the opinion that DUHAR, and possibly the crowd from the Consulate and the YIC, are familiar and friendly with the waiters there. Source has observed KARLA speaking to the head waiter and indicating that she was acquainted with him. According to source, KARLA refers to her brother as a "golf-playing Republican Capitalist".

On March 3, 1958, this same source advised that on March 2, 1958, KARLA DUHAR made a comment to the effect that some of the work of the YIC "is being absorbed" by the Yugoslav Consulate. Source stated that DUHAR did not elaborate on this statement. He was unable to explain the basis for this statement, but suggested the possibility that such a merger might allow some of the more important work of the YIC to be accomplished under the guise of diplomatic immunity.

T-2, on March 13, 1958, advised that Mr. and Mrs. ZLATKO SINOBAD and LJUELJA JEREMIC were enrolled in an English course at Hunter College, Park Avenue and 68th Street, New York City.

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T-3, on July 10, 1954, advised that according to LUJO GORANIN, employed in the Cultural Department of the YIC, 316 Fifth Avenue, New York City, BRANISLAV NOVAKOVIC was a member of the Yugoslav Communist Party and for three years had been Attache at the Yugoslav Consulate in Bern, Switzerland, where he was occupied primarily with the handling of espionage problems. After having spent three years in Bern, Switzerland, he returned to Yugoslavia, taking a position in the Central Office of the Yugoslav Intelligence and Security Service (UDBI), in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and was considered to be a specialist in the handling of "pro-Russian" problems.

During the period of this report no information was received indicating that any of the personnel in the YIC engaged in any activity beyond the scope of their declared duties.

POLITICAL AND/OR PROPAGANDA ACTIVITY

On February 6, 1954, information was received from T-3, reflecting that in November, 1957, a telecast of the Yugoslav propaganda film "Beauties of Istria" appeared in the San Francisco, California, area. Mrs. BEATRICE HUNTER, who operates a tourist bureau in the United States, initiated this telecast.

HUNTER is of Yugoslav extraction. She expects to go to Yugoslavia, where she intends to make films of other regions in Yugoslavia. These films will also be telecast in the San Francisco area.

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Source stated that according to VOJA POPOVIC, Director of the Yugoslav State Tourist Office (YSTO), Mrs. HUNTER is aiding the Yugoslav propaganda in the United States. She has close contacts with the YIC in New York City.

The YSTO, 507 Madison Avenue, New York City, is registered with the FARS as an agent for the Yugoslav Government, Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

T-4, on February 7, 1950, advised that on February 6, 1950, KARLA DUHAR discussed a recent television program with TRUDA HAJNRIH, Secretary to JOZA BRILEJ, the Yugoslav United Nations Ambassador, 354 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

DUHAR stated that she was trying to get some information about the Armstrong Circle Theatre (program of February 5, 1950, 10:00 to 11:00 pm, Eastern Standard Time, regarding the life of MILOVAN DJILAS, former Vice President of Yugoslavia currently incarcerated in Yugoslavia, and the author of "The New Class.") DUHAR stated that BRANISLAV NOVAKOVIC, Deputy Director, YIC, New York City, mentioned that one of the actors that participated in the show is with the Jan Hus Company, and NOVAKOVIC was attempting to ascertain this actor's name. DUHAR then stated "This thing is not finished" and that they "are continually working on CBS" (Columbia Broadcasting System, on whose network the show in question appeared). DUHAR continued, "We have something coming up next week. We're not lying down. We're not letting them get away with unfactual material." DUHAR mentioned that DJILAS did not meet TITO in 1934, but in 1937, and that they were never in jail together. DUHAR then stated that CBS is extremely embarrassed over the whole situation as CBS now realizes "that somebody put something over on them."

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HAJNRIH was of the opinion that LEO MATES, Yugoslav Ambassador to the United States, should take some action with regard to the show.

HAJNRIH stated that on the evening of February 6, 1958, that BRILEJ and JOZA VILFAN, Secretary General to TITO, attended a show, "Trial of DMITRI KARAMAZOV," and stated that one of the actors in the latter show also was in the DJILAS show. HAJNRIH then stated that BRILEJ and VILFAN were invited to the latter show by one of VILFAN's friends who had a part in the latter show.

DUHAR stated that if she were in a position to do so, she would sue CBS, the Armstrong Cork Company (sponsor of the show), and the publisher of the book "The New Class." DUHAR stated that what irritates her is the "ARTHUR MILLER" thing. In Yugoslavia, they asked them to stop writing about ARTHUR MILLER and they stopped. Both HAJNRIH and DUHAR expressed further dissatisfaction that the show had viewed TITO and Yugoslavia unfavorably.

DUHAR stated that she recently received a newspaper clipping from her sister in California (TONI MIDDLETON, Long Beach, California) regarding the questioning of ARTUKOVIC (ANDRIJA ARTUKOVIC, ex-Minister of Interior of wartime Croatia, for whom the United States Supreme Court has recently ordered a new lower court hearing to determine whether ARTUKOVIC should be sent back to Yugoslavia for alleged war crimes). DUHAR stated that CBS should be challenged to do a program on ARTUKOVIC.

DUHAR stated that she could not understand why the Yugoslavs have not protested regarding this show. Regarding the unknown actor who appeared in both the play and the television show, DUHAR stated that it would be an easy matter to ascertain his identity by merely calling CBS.

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T-5, on February 17, 1958, furnished information, the substance of which reflected that on this date, DOROTHY PRIBICEVICH, Secretary to the Yugoslav Consul General, and her husband, STOJAN PRIBICEVICH, discussed the publication of some "material" written by STOJAN. The publisher of the material, according to NOVAKOVIC, would be RICHARD YAFFE, President of "All Nations News Agency" (ANNA). YAFFE was Foreign Editor of "PM" during the war and remarked that he knew STOJAN quite well, claiming to have published some of STOJAN's "stuff." According to source, ANNA specializes in political books, with a side line for schools.

On February 19, 1958, according to the same source, Mrs. PRIBICEVICH told STOJAN that YAFFE was principally concerned with historical news, and published only "paper backs," some of which were "of a political nature," although the majority contained historical information of interest to people of all nations.

Source related that DOROTHY remarked that YAFFE would like to meet STOJAN and discuss the latter's work. If STOJAN decided to write under his own name, YAFFE would have suggestions for "slanting the material with a word here and there which would do what he had in mind; to make it very definitely not an 'official' publication."

YAFFE liked the material, part of which he read while he was with NOVAKOVIC. He described it as "wonderful stuff." STOJAN could not decide whether to release it under his own name or under the Center's.

On February 24, 1958, this same source related that DOROTHY told STOJAN that she gave NOVAKOVIC two translations, one of which was the biography of ANDRIJA ARTUKOVIC. The ARTUKOVIC piece was to be sent to San Francisco. STOJAN stated that he wanted to be sure of the accuracy of this translation, since it would be used as a "court document."

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DUJSIN based this statement on the fact that these officials are in highly placed responsible positions in the United States.

Source related that NOVAKOVIC has been present at luncheon engagements which source has attended.

On February 27, 1958, T-7 advised that he attended a lecture at the Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53rd Street, New York City, on the evening of February 26, 1958. The lecture was advertised in the "New Leader."

Professor PHILIP MOSLEY of New York University presided, and speeches were made by Professors SIDNEY HUCK (PH) of New York University (NYU), Professor (FNU) KISSINGER (PH), Harvard, and one NORMAN COUSINS (PH).

Source observed FRANKO NOVAKOVIC and ZLATKO SINOBAD, Director of the YIC, enter the lecture room and occupy seats in the last row. Source observed them depart shortly after the affair ended.

On March 12, 1958, information was received from T-3, reflecting that "Yugoslav Review", published for the last seven years by the YIC, definitely ceased publication with the Special Edition Number Ten. The YIC intends to publish "Information Bulletin." The subscriptions for this publication are being accepted at the YIC.

On March 31, 1958, source furnished a copy of the "Information Bulletin About Yugoslavia" which reflects that this publication was printed in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

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